RESOLUTION NO. 40 "Bringing It Together Day" 36th Annual Older Americans Month Celebration

WHEREAS, we are asked to pause in our deliberations to note the occasion of a most significant annual event, the *36th Annual Older American's Month Celebration*. "Bringing It Together" is a collaborative partnership between the City of St. Louis Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, Southside Wellness Center, and senior citizens centers throughout the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, this year's program, themed "Blaze A Trail," mirrors the mission of the Southside Wellness Center and encourages older Americans to stay engaged, active, and involved in their own lives and communities; and

WHEREAS, a special note of recognition and acknowledgement is hereby given to Ms. Ollie Stewart and the volunteers at the Southside Wellness Center who meet, plan, and share new ideas to make each year more exciting and fun for over 500 guests who look forward to this celebration honoring Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the celebration allows our beloved senior citizens to enjoy a relaxing day at the Muny Opera House in Forest Park with music, awards, dancing, food, health and wellness booths, and visits by our local dignitaries; and

WHEREAS, the partnering area senior centers touch thousands of lives each year by offering in-home services, transportation, meal delivery, exercise, nutrition, and entertainment for our growing elderly population; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 36th anniversary of this celebration, which has served as a positive force for institutional changes on behalf of senior citizens at the local, state, and national levels.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud all senior citizens as we recognize the 36th Annual Older Americans Month Celebration, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of May, 2016, by:

The Honorable Thomas Villa, Alderman 11th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward
The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
The Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward

The Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward

The Honorable Kenneth Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward

The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward

The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward

The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward

The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

The Honorable Megan-Ellyia Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward

The Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

The Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward

The Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

The Honorable Joe Vacarro, Alderman 23rd Ward

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward

The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

The Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of May, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy G. O'Connell Clerk, Board of Aldermen Lewis E. Reed President, Board of Aldermen